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For: GAP ADJUSTMENT APPARATUS AND GAP ADJUSTMENT METHOD FOR  
ADJUSTING GAP BETWEEN TWO OBJECTS

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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This paper is in reply to the outstanding Office Action dated December 17, 2003.